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### Field Crops

For the week ending May 8, durum wheat has headed on 95 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on virtually all of the acreage. Eight percent of the durum wheat acreage has matured, while barley has matured on 10 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 87 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions are mostly fair.

### Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cabbage and carrots. Western Arizona shipped green onions and iceberg lettuce.

Producers in central and western Arizona also shipped grapefruit, Valencias and tangerines.

#### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	7	21	51	21
Range and Pasture	2	18	38	23	19

#### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Planted	87	70	71	77
Durum Wheat – Headed	95	84	93	94
– Mature	8	1	20	19
Barley – Headed	100	93	90	93
– Mature	10	2	25	26

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly normal for the week ending May 7. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Flagstaff, Gila Bend, and Grand Canyon to 2 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Casa Grande, Gila Bend, and Parker while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 28 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Prescott received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.03 inches and Canyon De Chelly received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.23 inches. All reporting stations except Tucson are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 May 1 - May 7, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	57	2	81	40	0.23	6.29	2.85
Casa Grande	74	-1	96	50	0.00	4.43	2.88
Coolidge	73	-1	95	52	0.00	4.91	3.47
Douglas	65	-1	87	41	0.00	4.95	2.09
Flagstaff	48	-2	66	28	0.07	15.50	8.86
Gila Bend	76	-2	96	55	0.00	3.09	2.41
Grand Canyon	49	-2	69	30	0.00	10.16	6.42
Kingman	63	-1	84	41	0.00	7.74	4.18
Parker	76	0	96	57	0.00	4.22	2.39
Payson	57	0	76	35	0.00	14.51	8.64
Phoenix	77	0	95	62	0.00	5.30	2.95
Prescott Airport	56	0	76	37	0.03	8.41	4.23
Safford Ag Center	67	0	91	46	0.00	4.30	2.38
Tucson	71	0	91	53	0.00	2.99	3.02
Willcox	63	1	87	43	0.00	3.86	3.06
Winslow	59	0	82	38	0.00	3.90	1.93
Yuma	76	0	94	58	0.00	2.80	1.07

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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